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S E C R E T NOFORN NOCONTRACT
SUBJECT: ARRS SITREP 004

1. (S/ F/NC) THE SECURITY SITUATION REMAINS STABLE AT JONESTOWN. A TOTAL OF 78 SURVIVORS OF THE CULT ARE NOW IN GEORGETOWN, 24 DESIGNATED AS NONPROBLEM OR NON HARDCORE MEMBERS MAY BE RELEASED FOR TRANSPORT TO THE U.S. TODAY. ANOTHER 54 ARE IN POLICE CUSTODY. NO TRACE HAS BEEN FOUND OF ADDITIONAL SURVIVORS; HOWEVER, THERE ARE REPORTS OF LARGE NUMBERS OF ADDITIONAL BODIES BEING FOUND TODAY AT

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A SITE AWAY FROM THE MAIN CAMP. WE HAVE NO DETAILS ON THE DISCOVERY AS YET.

2. (C) A PEOPLES TEMPLE MEMBER AT PORT OF SPAIN RESPONSIBLE FOR RECORDING PASSPORTS OF TEMPLE MEMBERS AT JONESTOWN HAS TOLD AUTHORITIES THAT, AS OF LAST WEEK, THERE WERE 954 CAMP RESIDENTS INCLUDING ABOUT 300 UNDER THE AGE OF 16. GUYANESE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES REPORTED RECORDS ON 915 AMERICANS AT THE COMMUNE. THIS WOULD NOT HAVE INCLUDED CHILDREN BORN AT JONESTOWN SINCE IT WAS FOUNDED IN 1974.

3. (C) CJTF REPORTS THAT APPROXIMATELY 10, 4-DRAWER FILING CABINETS OF ASSORTED DOCUMENTS WERE GATHERED YESTERDAY. DOCUMENTS RANGED FROM PERSONAL LETTERS TO FINANCIAL RECORDS DETAILING AN OPERATION IN THE MULTIMILLION DOLLAR RANGE. HUNDREDS OF SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST ORIENTED BOOKS AND DOCUMENTS PORTRAYED A SOCIETY WHICH HAD COMPLETELY RENOUNCED THE AMERICAN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL STRUCTURE. LEGAL AND FINANCIAL RECORDS WERE FOUND WHICH TIED TOGETHER A COMPLEX ORGANIZATION WHICH APPARENTLY HAD CONTROL OF ALL ASSETS OF EVERY PERSON AT THE CAMP. AN OPERATIONS CODE WAS FOUND WHICH WAS USED FOR HAM RADIO COMMUNICATION WITH SAN FRANCISCO.

4. (C) IT WAS LEARNED FROM MAJ JOHNSON, GDF COMMANDER IN JONES-

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TOWN, THAT A 48-60 FOOT FREIGHT CARRYING BOAT OWNED BY THE COMMUNE WAS SEIZED NEAR MABARUMA, A COASTAL TOWN DOWNRIVER FROM THE CAMP. THE CREW AND SEVEN PASSENGERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO GEORGETOWN. THE BOAT APPARENTLY DEPARTED PORT KAITUMA BEFORE THE AIRSTRIP MASSACRE OF CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND HIS PARTY. THE GUN WITH WHICH CULT LEADER JONES WAS SHOT WAS FOUND BY THE GDF IN THE TOWN STORE. THIS HAS LED TO SPECULATION THAT JONES WOUND WAS NOT SELF-INFLICTED. APPROXIMATLEY 100 ADDITIONAL PASSPORTS WERE DISCOVERED YESTERDAY BRINGING THE TOTAL TO OVER 900.

5. (C) THE JCS HAS APPROVED THE RETURN OF SURVIVORS TO CONUS ABOARD MILITARY AIRCRAFT. THEY WILL BE EMBARKED ONLY AFTER RELEASE BY GOG AND CLEARANCE BY AM EMBASSY GEORGETOWN. THE EMBASSY WILL DIVIDE SURVIVORS INTO NONMILITANT AND HARD CORE GROUPS AND FEDERAL SKY MARSHALLS WILL ACCOMPANY ALL GROUPS TO INSURE THE SAFETY OF AIRCRAFT AND AIRCREW. JTF PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO SEARCH ALL PERSONNEL AND THEIR LUGGAGE PRIOR TO BOARDING. IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT ARRS AIRCRAFT WILL BE INVOLVED IN THIS AIRLIFT.

6. (U) - RAIN AND HEAT CONTINUE TO CAUSE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT WORKING CONDITIONS. ADDITIONAL AERIAL SEARCH MISSIONS ARE BEING PLANNED AS RESOURCES BECOME AVAILABLE. BODY RECOVERY OPERATIONS WILL PROBABLY

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BE EXTENDED THROUGH THE WEEKEND. GDS-84

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